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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

All slaughter classes of livestock sold lower at midwest markets. Slaughter steers closed mainly 25-50¢ lower, this the first general downturn in seven weeks. Slaughter heifers sold steady to 75¢ lower and cows 50¢-\$1.00 off. Feeder cattle and calves were generally steady to strong. Barrows and gilts were steady to 25¢ lower with prices steady at several points and steady to 25¢ higher at Sioux City and Sioux Falls. Sows were steady to 25¢ lower at most centers. Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower for the week.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers suffered the first general price decline in seven weeks. The downturns were influenced by lower dressed beef prices. In a general way, slaughter steers closed steady to 75¢ lower, mostly 25-50¢ lower. Nevertheless, with the percentage of Prime steers in receipts much smaller than this time last year, high-Choice and Prime sold steady to 25¢ higher at some points. Marketings were rather liberal early in the period following small receipts the previous week due to severe weather and snow choked roads. Danger of flooding also spurred some cattle to market early in the week. After Tuesday, however, receipts were small, partly as the result of lower prices and partly because of high water and muddy roads in some sections. Slaughter classes other than steers also felt considerable downward pressure. Heifers sold steady to 75¢ lower and cows declined 50¢-\$1.00. Bulls sold unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower and vealers were \$2.00-3.00 lower in St. Paul and St. Louis.

While the 6.4 percent Prime steers in Chicago was larger than the previous week, it was less than half the 13.8 percent Prime a year ago. At most midwest markets, Good and low-Choice grades formed bulk of the slaughter steer and heifer supply, and a larger percentage of receipts consisted of cows.

Slaughter steers: Six loads Prime 1185-1405# \$31.25-31.50 at Chicago, where most Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1100-1450# brought \$29.25-31.00 and Choice 900-1500# bulked at \$26.00-29.00, Good \$23.00-25.50. At other markets a few high-Choice and Prime brought \$27.00-28.50, Choice bulked at \$25.00-27.00, Good \$22.00-25.00.

Slaughter heifers: Most Choice \$24.50-26.00, high-Choice and Prime \$26.25-28.25; bulk Good \$21.50-24.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial sold from \$14.50-17.50, Canner and Cutter \$12.00-15.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Moderated weather conditions found the movement of livestock restored to more normal proportions and supplies of feeder cattle at terminal markets were appreciably larger than the previous week when

heavy snows virtually stopped marketings from some areas for a period of several days. The restoration of improved traffic conditions was accompanied by an expanded and noticeably more dependable over-all demand than the previous week when entry to many farms and feedlots in the northern part of the midwest was blocked by drifting snow. Slaughter cattle prices during the current week suffered a downturn but remained appreciably higher than a year ago and at levels which proved encouraging to many feeder buyers. At the same time with a new grazing season in the near offing, there was the normal good early spring demand for thin fleshed cattle to put on grass. Thus, trading was fairly active at steady to strong prices. At Kansas City steers 750# down sold steady to 50¢ higher while over 750# ruled steady to 25¢ lower in sympathy with a decline in slaughter cattle prices. However, feeder buyers around the market circuit showed considerable interest in fleshy steers and these interests purchased a larger percent of the two-way kind than in most recent past weeks.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1050# brought \$22.00-25.00. At Kansas City some Choice and Fancy, partly fattened 800-950# \$25.00-26.00 and at Chicago Fancy 875# \$26.50. Scattered shipments Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 550-650# \$27.25-28.50; bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.00-27.00; Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# \$18.50-24.00.

Feeder heifers: Few Choice 532-543# \$25.75-26.75; bulk Good and Choice 525-700# \$21.50-25.25.

Feeder calves: Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 350-550# steers ranged \$27.00-32.00; Good and mixed Good and Choice \$24.00-29.00. Good and Choice 350-500# heifers \$22.00-27.75, three loads Choice and Fancy 362-466# heifers \$27.30-30.20.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Marketings of hogs were accelerated by the first evidence of spring throughout the major marketing area. In the northern cornbelt area there was a pronounced movement of barrows and gilts above 250#. Prices on barrows and gilts were mostly steady to 25¢ lower, the downturn was largely on weights above 250#. At Sioux City and Sioux Falls road conditions were improved and despite above normal receipts prices were steady to 25¢ higher. Sows were steady to 25¢ lower, except steady to 25¢ higher at Indianapolis and steady to 75¢ higher at Sioux Falls. This class comprised about 8 percent of the eight market supply compared with 7 percent the previous week. The twelve market receipts were 10 percent larger than the previous week's storm curtailed run, and 13 percent greater than a year ago.

Barrows and gilts: No. 1-2, 190-240# \$16.50-17.00, No. 1-3, 190-250# \$16.00-16.75,

large volume \$16.25-16.50.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 270-400# \$14.25-15.00, No. 2-3, 400-550# \$13.50-14.50.

Feeder pigs were 50¢ lower at St. Paul with a mild increase in volume influencing the downturn, Choice 120-130# sold at \$14.50-15.00. At Sioux City prices were steady, Good and Choice 140-165# brought \$14.50-15.00.

Hogs - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 343,000 head for the week, compared with 348,000 last week and 315,000 the corresponding week last year. On closing session barrows, gilts and sows were steady to 10¢ lower than the previous Friday.

Barrows and gilts: U. S. 1-3, 200-240# sold at \$15.25-16.00, No. 1 and 2, 200-230# \$15.75-16.25.

Sows: Most U. S. 1-3, 270-400# \$13.75-15.00; No. 2 and 3, 400-550# mostly \$12.25-13.75.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 111,900 compared with 115,000 the previous week and 96,400 a year earlier. Barrows and gilts weighing 190-240# predominated with 240-260# offerings comprising 15 percent and sows near 5 percent. Barrows, gilts and sows sold steady to 25¢ lower for the week.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3, 195-240# \$15.75-16.25, mostly \$15.85-16.15; some No. 1-2, 200-220# \$16.40-16.50 and limited volume sorted No. 1, \$16.75-17.00; No. 1-3, 230-250# \$15.50-15.85.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 250-400# \$13.00-14.75, No. 2-3, 400-500# \$12.00-13.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals totaled 97,000 head, 25 percent more than the limited volume a week earlier but 14 percent below last year. Seasonal improvement in weather and road conditions were partially responsible for the increased movement. Expanded receipts coupled with lower carlot dressed lamb prices influenced steady to 50¢ lower trends on slaughter lambs at most centers. Early shipments of spring slaughter lambs increased particularly at Kansas City and Fort Worth. Slaughter ewes were steady to strong. Limited receipts of feeder lambs were largely steady to 25¢ lower.

Old crop slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-117# woolled closed at \$17.00-18.25, but \$17.00-17.75 at several centers. Good and Choice 78-115# \$16.00-17.25. Choice and few Prime 83-110# shorn No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts closed at \$16.50-17.50; Good and Choice 84-108# with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$15.50-17.00.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 84-109# \$18.00-19.00, few \$19.50 at Fort Worth; Good and Choice 68-83# \$17.00-18.50 at Fort Worth.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$4.00-8.25; shorn \$2.80-7.00.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 70-95# woolled \$15.50-17.00, deck 89# \$17.50 at Omaha; Good and Choice 73-91# \$14.00-16.50.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area numbered 18,100 head, 15 percent below a week ago but 9 percent

more than last year. Woolled slaughter lambs closed 50¢ lower for the period, shorn lambs weak to 50¢ lower; slaughter ewes strong. Woolled offerings accounted for around 80 percent of the lamb supply.

Slaughter lambs: Choice including a few Prime 90-110# woolled delivered to packing plants \$16.50-17.50, mainly \$17.00-17.50; Choice 110-120# along with Good and low-Choice 85-110# \$16.00-17.00. Choice and few Prime 85-110# shorn No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$16.50-17.50, Good and low-Choice \$15.50-16.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled \$3.00-6.00; shorn \$2.50-5.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, mostly steady; feeder cattle and calves moderately active, fully steady. Few spring slaughter lambs weak to \$1.00 lower, old crop offerings about steady.

Slaughter steers: California, 40 Choice, few Prime 1100-1150# \$28.00; 240 Choice 1000-1125# \$27.50-27.75, latter price delivered with about 20¢ freight; California and Arizona for immediate to June 15th delivery: 3,200 mostly Choice, 950-1100# \$26.75-27.25; 3,600 Good and Choice 900-1100# \$25.65-26.65; 2,000 mostly Good 775-1175# \$24.50-25.50; 135 Standard 1000# \$23.00.
Utah, 500 mostly Choice 1075-1200# \$25.25-26.00

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, 150 Choice 800-900# \$26.00; 1,100 Good and Choice 750-975# \$25.25-25.90; 150 Good 800-925# \$24.90-25.00. Utah, 40 mostly Good 900# \$23.50.

Feeder cattle and calves: Current to June delivery - steers, 4,000 mostly Choice 600-850# \$24.00-25.60. Mixed steers and heifers, 70 Choice 375# steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00; 660 mostly Choice 475-580#, steers \$26.00-27.00, heifers \$24.00-25.00; 2,300 Good to mostly Choice 550-750#, steers \$25.00, heifers \$22.50-23.50; fall delivery, 575 Choice 625-650# steers \$24.00 and 500-550# heifers \$22.50.

Spring slaughter lambs: California, 28,000 Choice and Prime 90-101# \$20.00; 2,200 Choice and Prime 95-100# \$19.00 late. Arizona, 4,200 Choice and Prime 95# \$19.00-19.25 to California outlet.

Old crop slaughter lambs: 6,300 mostly Choice 109-115# shorn with No. 1 pelts \$17.50. Utah, 300 Choice 115# woolled \$17.25.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, 25¢ to mostly 50¢ lower. Sales were confirmed on only 195 loads of slaughter

steers and heifers compared with 425 loads the previous week and 345 loads a year earlier.

Slaughter steers: Sales confirmed on 2,500 head. Colorado, few loads average to high-Choice 1150-1300# \$26.25-26.50, bulk sales Choice 1050-1275# \$25.25-26.00, high-Good and Choice 1000-1200# \$24.50-25.25, few loads Good \$23.00-24.50. Western Nebraska, 6 loads mostly Choice 1160-1180# \$25.00-25.25.

Slaughter heifers: Sales confirmed on 2,600 head. Colorado, Choice 850-1050# \$25.00-26.00 with most sales after Wednesday \$25.00-25.50, and few loads at \$26.00 late carrying an end of Prime; high-Good and Choice \$24.50-25.00, few Good \$23.00-23.75.

Feeder cattle: Demand continued good with sales and contracts confirmed on 1,200 head at steady prices. Western Kansas and northern Oklahoma, Choice 600-900# steers \$23.00-25.60, Choice 600-750# heifers \$23.00-24.15.

Sheep and lambs: Sales confirmed on 20,000 head. Slaughter lambs sold steady to 50¢ lower with most sales 50¢ lower at the close. Choice and Prime 100-110# woolled lambs \$17.00-18.00 with closing sales \$17.00-17.50 down; Choice and Prime 100-110# shorn lambs \$15.50-16.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle rather slow, steers 25¢ to mostly 50¢ lower. Not enough sales of heifers to adequately test price trend. Confirmed feeder transactions on 7,000 head at fully steady prices.

Slaughter cattle: Steers, Good and Choice 1100-1200# \$24.25-25.25 delivered; Good 800-940# \$22.75. Heifers, Good to mostly Choice 900-975# \$24.00-24.25.

Feeder cattle: 1,100 Good to mostly Choice 635-675# steers \$23.50-24.25; few Medium \$19.50-20.50; around 5,000 Good and Choice steers expected to weigh 700# at delivery in the fall \$21.90-22.40; 550 mostly Choice 480-625# heifers \$23.25-23.75.

Lambs: Trading slow at steady to weak prices. Choice full woolled and fall shorn 94-101# slaughter lambs \$15.00-15.50, few \$15.75. Choice 80-85# feeders \$14.75. Choice shorn feeders 72-75# mostly for April delivery \$12.00-12.50.

Amarillo area - Slaughter cattle slow, steady to 50¢ lower. Confirmed transactions on 4,700 feeders at steady prices.

Slaughter cattle: Steers, Good and Choice 1050-1200# \$24.00-25.50. Heifers, Good and Choice 875-925# \$22.75-23.50.

Feeders: Choice and Fancy 525-650# steers \$25.00-26.25; Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.25-24.50, with a few 750-800# weights at \$22.25. Around 190 Medium 730# steers for fall delivery \$21.75; Choice and Fancy 500-635# heifers \$24.00-25.25; Good and Choice 600-650# \$23.00-23.50; around 1,150 Choice and Fancy 475-525# steer calves and short yearlings \$26.00-27.00; 30 Choice and Fancy 280-300# mixed calves, steers \$31.00, heifers \$29.00; 100 Choice 450# heifers \$125.00 per head.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter cattle active, firm, feeders active, firm to \$1.00 higher; slaughter lambs slow, weak to mostly 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington, 1,100 high-Good and Choice 1050-1150# \$26.40-27.00 current to July delivery; 180 Choice \$27.25 for May and June; 350 Standard and Good 1075-1150# \$22.00-22.50. Oregon, 300 Good to mostly Choice 1050-1150# \$26.25-27.25, latter price delivered; 130 Good and Choice 1000-1050# \$25.25-25.50. Idaho, 1,800 Good to mostly Choice 1000-1200# \$25.50-26.25, ourrent to April.

Slaughter heifers: About 500 mostly Choice 800-950# \$25.00-25.50 in Washington and Oregon for up to July. In the three states, Good and Choice 800-960# \$24.00-24.75.

Feeder cattle and calves: Oregon, 600 Choice 525# steers \$28.00; 2,100 Choice steers expected to weigh 700-800# at September delivery \$23.00-23.50. Washington, 150 Choice 317# heifer calves \$29.00; 70 Choice 500# heifers \$25.00. Idaho, 470 Choice fleshy 800-900# steers \$25.00.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, 350 Choice and Prime 104# with No. 2 pelts \$17.00. Oregon, 1,900 Choice 100-105# \$16.50-17.00 delivered.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Limited sales of slaughter and feeder cattle fully steady.

Slaughter steers: Sales totaling 700 high-Good and Choice 1075-1150# \$24.25-25.00, largely \$24.50-25.00, delivery immediate to mid-May.

Feeder steers: Western Montana, 100 Choice 850-900# \$23.50. Northern Wyoming, sales totaling 700 Choice and Fancy 500-600# \$26.00-27.50.

Stock oows: In Montana, sales totaling 250 Good and Choice 3-7-year-old \$200.00-230.00 per head, small lots mostly Choice \$225.00-230.00.

Stock calves: Montana, 850 high-Choice 465# steers \$137.50 per head, early April delivery; 180 high-Choice 425-450# heifers \$120.00 per head; 700 Good to mostly Choice 400-500# steers \$27.00-30.00; 600 high-Good and Choice 375-500# heifers \$25.00-27.50.

Sheep: Trading very slow. Limited sales shearing lambs about steady. No confirmed sales of other classes.

Shearing lambs: Eastern Montana, sales totaling 750 Choice 84-93# \$16.00.

Wool: Prices steady to firm. In Montana, 13,000 fleeces quarter-blood, very light shrinking, 55.26¢, grease; 13,700 fleeces mostly fine, very light shrinking, 50-53.83¢; 22,300 fleeces mixed fine and half, moderate shrinking 44.5-47.5¢. In northern Wyoming, 5,000 fleeces fine and half \$1.12-1.15, clean, delivered; 3,000 fleeces fine, light shrinking, 48.58¢; 5,000 fleeces fine and half, moderate shrinking, 45-46¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago	26,926	38,779	98	182	30,244	32,254	4,814	4,625
Denver	8,242	9,294	908	940	4,851	4,403	16,957	19,376
Fort Worth	5,554	7,470	664	709	2,000	2,614	14,369	23,271
Indianapolis ..	6,316	6,067	286	517	30,883	28,953	642	1,103
Kansas City ...	17,411	18,743	808	577	14,110	14,158	3,553	5,797
Oklahoma City .	11,193	6,869	639	480	4,233	3,417	2,761	2,759
Omaha	34,343	33,913	623	271	45,930	40,311	11,249	17,183
St. Joseph	14,885	14,824	624	331	15,684	18,751	7,920	6,676
St. Louis NSY .	13,542	12,654	1,122	1,490	47,902	49,615	2,689	2,681
Sioux City	26,681	22,029	536	1,230	51,183	35,416	9,136	7,954
Sioux Falls ...	9,947	7,994	149	45	23,030	14,731	11,019	7,675
So. St. Paul ..	19,854	18,552	6,476	5,949	56,327	43,740	11,804	13,822
Total	194,894	197,188	12,933	12,721	326,377	288,363	96,913	112,922
" Mar. 17, 1962	181,377*		10,550		296,536		77,646	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -		Mar. 24, 1962	Mar. 17, 1962	Mar. 25, 1961
Hogs		343,000	348,000	315,000*
Sheep		18,100	21,200	16,600*
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -		Hogs	111,900	115,000
				96,400 *Revised.

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two Months	
	Mar. 22	Mar. 15	Mar. 23	Feb.	Feb.	Jan. - Feb.	
	1962	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Steers - 1001# up	935	439	462	1,796	3,197	3,465	7,406
901-1000	2,080	1,417	2,147	7,095	7,223	15,375	17,711
801-900	3,755	2,734	2,360	10,631	12,002	25,898	29,687
701-800	3,286	3,742	3,688	9,277	11,948	24,146	31,371
501-700	12,519	11,528	12,735	24,765	33,239	58,072	83,081
Total steers 10 markets....	22,575	19,860	21,392	53,564	67,609	126,956	169,256
Av. wt. " " "	715#	687#	689#	731#	725#	729#	724#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.90	\$24.23	\$24.23	\$23.60	\$23.97	\$23.51	\$24.32
" " " Chicago	23.49	23.30	23.43	22.89	23.12	22.64	23.38
" " " Kansas City...	24.56	24.39	24.80	23.16	23.70	22.96	24.03
" " " Omaha	24.04	24.26	23.42	23.91	24.09	23.60	24.52
" " " S. St. Paul...	20.90	20.08	22.21	21.29	22.10	21.45	22.08
" " " Sioux City....	24.77	24.43	25.92	25.22	25.58	25.02	25.96
" " " Denver	24.10	23.82	24.80	23.14	23.12	24.11	25.29
" " " Ft. Worth	23.17	23.71	23.48	23.10	23.58	23.11	23.57
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.93	24.61	23.54	24.03	23.26	23.52	23.32
" " " S. St. Joseph.	24.78	24.38	24.38	23.78	23.97	23.20	23.56
" " " St. Louis NSY.	23.35	23.76	23.20	22.78	22.77	22.68	22.96
Total calves - 10 markets..	10,003	6,565	7,830	26,053	30,233	86,069	100,325
" heifers " " "	3,829	2,602	2,987	8,998	9,945	20,970	24,361
" cows " " "	359	565	472	2,513	2,522	5,426	6,968

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago City	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Mar. 23, 1962	3	43	12	19	7	20	5	8	30	65	72	47	45
Mar. 16, 1962	2	42	8	16	7	14	5	8	10	70	78	58	35
Mar. 24, 1961	2	46	10	13	9	24	8	8	25	65	67	46	50
Slaughter cows													
Mar. 23, 1962	6	8	9	6	11	7	25	10	15	5	9	11	15
Mar. 16, 1962	5	9	8	4	10	5	20	10	15	10	6	8	15
Mar. 24, 1961	4	7	9	6	9	6	27	10	12	10	10	15	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Mar. 22 1962	Mar. 23 1961	Mar. 22 1962	Mar. 23 1961	Mar. 22 1962	Mar. 23 1961	Mar. 22 1962	Mar. 23 1961
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	1,251	4,073	6.4	13.8	1,232	1,262	30.28	27.17
Choice.....	11,381	16,110	58.6	54.7	1,172	1,192	27.25	25.37
Good.....	6,085	7,768	31.3	26.4	1,076	1,119	24.86	23.63
Standard.....	347	1,091	1.8	3.7	978	1,038	21.65	21.34
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	363	409	1.9	1.4	1,053	1,028	19.94	19.65
All grades.....	19,427	29,451			1,140	1,174	26.54	25.00
OMAHA								
Prime.....	25	110	.2	.7	1,184	1,203	27.73	25.97
Choice.....	6,620	6,594	42.5	40.9	1,151	1,197	25.73	24.44
Good.....	7,989	8,380	51.2	52.0	1,074	1,118	24.00	23.35
Standard.....	839	999	5.4	6.2	1,069	1,082	20.36	19.67
Utility.....	116	35	.7	.2	1,001	988	18.85	18.08
All grades.....	15,589	16,118			1,106	1,149	24.55	23.61
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	265	40	2.0	.4	1,312	1,213	28.07	26.11
Choice.....	5,847	4,711	44.1	48.3	1,155	1,194	25.60	24.71
Good.....	6,505	4,267	49.1	43.7	1,071	1,139	23.71	23.20
Standard.....	399	739	3.0	7.6	1,085	1,094	20.02	19.55
Utility.....	244	--	1.8	--	1,005	--	19.08	--
All grades.....	13,260	9,757			1,112	1,162	24.49	23.70
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	15	10	.2	.2	919	1,274	26.25	25.00
Choice.....	1,837	1,804	29.0	31.3	1,131	1,165	25.21	24.77
Good.....	3,851	3,342	60.8	58.0	1,054	1,096	23.97	23.64
Standard.....	378	586	6.0	10.1	992	1,053	21.20	20.49
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	256	21	4.0	.4	1,067	1,125	19.26	17.75
All grades.....	6,337	5,763			1,073	1,114	24.01	23.69
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,038	595	16.5	10.1	1,105	1,067	25.73	25.01
Good.....	4,139	3,721	65.8	63.0	1,012	1,042	23.98	23.79
Standard.....	923	1,464	14.7	24.8	960	958	21.65	20.91
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	190	127	3.0	2.1	961	872	19.12	18.21
All grades.....	6,290	5,907			1,019	1,020	23.84	23.15
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,002	2,850	43.2	39.9	1,144	1,133	25.72	24.67
Good.....	3,622	3,920	52.1	54.8	1,070	1,113	24.18	22.98
Standard.....	327	378	4.7	5.3	1,096	1,118	20.94	20.16
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	6,951	7,148			1,104	1,121	24.72	23.51
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,668	1,769	70.7	67.5	1,153	1,151	25.80	24.59
Good.....	674	737	28.6	28.1	1,109	1,131	24.45	23.44
Standard.....	17	70	.7	2.7	1,121	1,145	20.21	19.45
Utility.....	--	45	--	1.7	--	963	--	18.41
All grades.....	2,359	2,621			1,140	1,142	25.39	24.05

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Boston, New York City Area	11,324	13,769	8,880	11,491	44,447	45,643	31,317	40,510
Baltimore, Philadelphia	7,967	8,401	1,645	2,031	33,617	31,338	2,530	5,441
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	18,271	18,365	3,490	4,576	138,297	120,429	11,106	12,026
Chicago Area	14,513	13,807	8,722	6,110	60,645	43,855	6,675	6,446
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	27,715	25,971	19,902	19,301	122,535	98,102	14,362	18,374
St. Louis Area	10,771	10,741	1,110	1,518	84,290	78,502	4,356	3,776
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,411	20,057	--	--	116,895	94,635	12,068	14,223
Omaha Area	36,516	35,057	109	160	90,735	77,047	13,879	17,646
Kansas City	13,859	14,470	--	--	35,944	35,532	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	34,061	28,829	9,555	8,406	300,656	282,854	34,759	35,303
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	6,066	5,443	2,426	2,676	60,999	59,018	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	10,801	8,958	2,963	3,657	30,506	35,927	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,998	18,964	838	681	48,081	43,207	10,945	10,469
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	9,991	9,651	3,106	3,287	19,427	18,243	23,133	24,702
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	23,312	19,477	93	185	15,353	14,053	48,139	33,366
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	23,062	26,632	1,550	1,963	35,873	26,282	36,639	41,816
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,466	7,174	292	240	19,477	16,259	4,394	5,745
Total	304,104	285,766	64,681	1,257,777	1,120,926	254,302	269,843	
Accumulation to date	3,753,912	757,842	14,025,775	3,258,023	3,074,336			
	3,535,006	777,767	13,539,174					

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Mar. 24, 1962	365	217.9	95	10.4	1,440	204.5	275	13.8	446.6	--
Mar. 17, 1962	360	212.0	95	10.4	1,390	189.0	285	14.2	425.6	--
Mar. 3, 1962 1/	373	--	90	--	1,347	--	287	--	--	40.8
Mar. 25, 1961 1/	349	212.5	101	11.2	1,290	177.6	299	15.1	416.4	41.7

Percentage change from:

Mar. 17, 1962	1	3	0	0	4	8	-4	-3	5	--
Mar. 25, 1961	5	3	-6	-7	12	15	-8	-9	7	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	yield per 100 lb.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Mar. 24, 1962	1030	597	195	109	238	139	102	50	--
Mar. 17, 1962	1025	589	195	109	233	136	102	50	--
Mar. 3, 1962	1035	595	195	109	233	136	103	50	--
Mar. 25, 1961	1052	609	198	111	236	138	104	51	13.7

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.	Mar.
	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25	24	25
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	29.00	27.15	--	--	27.62	26.62	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	30.02	27.10	--	--	27.90	26.50	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	27.25	25.62	25.55	25.42	26.25	25.18	25.92	24.55	27.12	24.88
1100-1300	27.62	25.50	25.38	25.05	26.42	25.02	25.92	24.55	--	24.50
Good 900-1100	24.25	23.30	23.65	23.50	23.62	23.12	23.50	22.30	25.38	23.50
Standard	21.62	21.30	20.90	20.25	20.75	20.00	--	19.75	22.75	21.00
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	25.92	24.62	25.40	24.65	25.72	24.48	24.85	23.78	25.25	23.75
Good 600-800	--	--	23.38	22.65	22.98	22.38	--	21.62	24.00	22.00
Standard	20.55	20.05	20.00	19.75	20.08	19.50	--	19.00	21.75	19.25
Cows -										
Commercial	16.52	17.28	16.30	17.58	16.72	17.30	--	--	--	--
Utility	15.78	16.72	15.78	16.88	15.70	16.42	16.12	16.42	16.50	15.38
Cutter	15.15	16.20	14.40	16.22	14.62	15.65	14.75	15.12	14.25	14.25
Canner	13.65	14.82	13.02	15.35	13.32	14.85	13.62	14.00	12.25	12.88
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.										
Commercial	20.00	19.95	18.75	17.98	18.50	18.75	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.75	20.20	19.25	18.58	18.75	18.50	19.25	19.00	20.56	20.00
Calves - 250-500#										
Choice	--	--	25.25	23.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	23.25	22.00	--	--	--	--	--	25.50
Standard	--	--	20.25	19.00	--	--	--	--	--	22.00
Vealers - 150-250#										
Choice	--	30.50	30.50	29.00	28.00	27.25	--	--	33.50	31.50
Good	--	27.00	27.00	25.25	25.00	24.50	--	--	30.50	29.50
Standard	--	22.00	22.00	20.75	21.75	21.00	--	--	26.50	25.50
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers - 500-800#										
Fancy	--	--	27.50	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice	--	26.65	26.42	26.25	26.75	26.28	26.00	26.52	25.75	--
Good	--	24.32	24.50	24.00	24.25	24.05	23.00	24.15	24.00	24.25
Heifers - 500-750#										
Choice	--	--	24.25	23.50	24.50	24.25	24.75	24.45	23.50	--
Good	--	--	21.88	20.50*	22.75	20.75*	21.75	21.60*	20.00	--
Calves -										
Steer -										
Fancy 300-550#	--	--	30.35	--	31.00	--	32.75	--	--	--
Choice " "	--	--	27.95)	28.00	28.75)	29.00	29.50)	29.95	27.75)	--
Good 300-500#	--	--	25.38)		24.75)		27.00)		26.00)	
Heifer - 300-500#										
Fancy	--	--	27.20	--	28.75	--	31.50	--	--	--
Choice	--	--	24.60)		26.00)		28.75)		26.00)	
Good	--	--	23.00)	25.25	23.25)	26.00	26.00)	28.25	24.00)	--

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

		St.	Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux	S. St.	S. St.	Indian	Eight
Week ended		Chicago	Nat'l.	City	City	City	Joseph	Paul	apolis	mkts.
		Stock	Yards							com-
										bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 24, 1962	16.30	16.40	16.28	16.16	15.93	16.31	15.82	16.48	16.16
	Mar. 17, 1962	16.31	16.50	16.67	16.47	16.36	16.73	16.15	16.52	16.43
	Mar. 25, 1961	17.42	17.46	17.44	17.24	17.14	17.37	17.24	17.65	17.35
	Mar. 24, 1962	14.18	14.46	14.98	14.58	14.22	14.66	14.17	14.57	14.41
Sows	Mar. 17, 1962	14.17	14.61	15.23	14.77	14.52	14.94	14.47	14.64	14.61
	Mar. 25, 1961	15.52	16.06	16.29	15.88	15.54	16.12	15.59	15.67	15.78
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 24, 1962	237	222	232	236	241	230	235	226	233
	Mar. 17, 1962	233	221	231	236	237	228	231	226	230
	Mar. 25, 1961	235	221	232	239	243	232	233	225	232
	Mar. 24, 1962	445	422	400	436	434	411	415	454	430
Sows	Mar. 17, 1962	451	429	414	430	437	402	413	436	428
	Mar. 25, 1961	444	404	428	433	439	418	425	450	430
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Mar. 24, 1962	23759	44469	12338	39185	44837	13969	44275	26499	249331
	Mar. 17, 1962	26987	48893	14282	39837	21088	17151	38862	30152	237252
	Mar. 25, 1961	25390	46224	12839	34519	31504	16890	35327	24630	227323
	Mar. 24, 1962	2110	2880	811	4257	3679	1178	4319	2788	22022
Sows	Mar. 17, 1962	2170	2698	981	3735	1362	1095	3072	2391	17504
	Mar. 25, 1961	2361	3441	634	3894	2494	1014	2269	2365	18472
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
Mar. 24, 1962		8	6	6	10	8	8	9	10	8
Mar. 17, 1962		7	5	6	9	6	6	7	7	7
Mar. 25, 1961		9	7	5	10	7	6	6	9	8

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Mar. 24, 1962	\$18.28	\$16.72	\$1.56
Mar. 17, 1962	18.44	16.65	1.79
Mar. 25, 1961	19.49	17.78	1.71

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Mar. 24, 1962	16.30	112.0	14.6
Mar. 17, 1962	16.31	109.5	14.9
Mar. 25, 1961	17.42	111.9	15.6

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	18.35	17.45	17.75	--	17.65	17.75	--
	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	18.38	--	17.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	17.98	17.10	17.38	18.30*	16.78	17.00	17.12
	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	17.75	17.20	16.55	18.25*	17.18	--	17.38
Good	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	16.75	16.02	16.25	17.00*	15.82	16.25	16.50
	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	16.38	16.18	16.12	16.90*	16.50	--	16.50
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	5.50	6.00	5.62	7.62	7.25	5.75	5.50**
Good & Choice	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	7.30	6.62	5.85	--	6.88	--	5.75**
Utility	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	5.50	6.00	5.25	6.75	6.62	5.00	5.25**
Cull & Utility	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	6.75	5.85	5.00	7.25**	5.50	--	4.00**
Cull	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	5.50	4.50	4.75	--	5.62	4.50	4.00**
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	--	17.00	--	--	16.55	--	--
Choice	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	--	16.50	--	15.00	16.02	--	14.75
Good & Choice	Mar. 25, 1961 . .	--	16.52	--	13.70	16.62	--	14.50
Good	Mar. 24, 1962 . .	--	14.75	--	13.50	15.12	--	13.00

* Spring lambs.

** Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
February 1962 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
N. Atlantic States	111	106	110	102	477	466	157	177
S. Atlantic States	47	44	27	34	335	316	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern	225	234	108	124	1,154	1,123	90	94
N. C. States - N. Western . . .	519	457	48	51	2,068	1,965	393	393
N. C. States - S. Western . . .	147	152	8	9	490	456	75	80
S. Central States	133	137	41	44	494	503	118	72
Mountain States	116	119	1	2	88	87	192	163
Pacific States	170	187	19	19	206	162	151	139
Total	1,467	1,435	362	385	5,312	5,078	1,177	1,117

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): February 1962, horses 3,268; goats 4,089; February 1961, horses 3,417; goats 6,146.

1/ Data not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Good and Choice steer beef sold steady to \$1.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off, however, a very small tonnage Prime at New York sold strong to 50¢ higher; cow beef steady to \$1.00 lower; veal weak to \$4.00 lower, the majority \$1.00-3.00 lower. Calf was fully \$1.00 lower at New York. Lamb sold steady to \$1.00 lower, the downturn at New York and Washington; pork loins mostly \$1.00 lower, with large volume at New York \$2.50 lower late; fresh skinned hams \$1.00-2.00 higher; spareribs steady to \$1.00 higher; Boston butts mostly steady, except Baltimore \$1.00 lower.

Prices held steady for kosher dressed steer forequarters. Quotations for lamb were unchanged while the trend for kosher veal and calf was \$1.00-3.00 lower.

The trade for all fresh meats was generally dull this week at Eastern Seaboard markets. Normal supplies of all classes were generally in excess of prevailing outlet. Veal and calf failed to clear in New York for second consecutive week and some beef went unsold at Baltimore and clearance was incomplete for all classes at Washington. Beef demand was very spotty and rather narrow. Veal and calf met rather poor demand and suffered price downturns for the second straight week. Pork loins were slow, but other pork cuts moved well, particularly fresh hams.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold mostly 50¢-\$1.00 lower, veal \$1.00-2.00 lower, lamb steady, pork loins 8-16# \$1.00-2.50 lower, 8-12# at full decline, Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00 lower, spareribs 3# down \$1.00 higher.

Only a small portion of the normal beef supply graded Prime with the bulk grading Good to average-Choice. Veal supply was moderate, Good and Choice over 90# most plentiful. Lamb and fresh pork offerings also normal, most lamb in the 55-65# weight range.

Outside of loins which cleared fairly well, beef trade was slow. Most cuts followed a lower trend, ribs off the most and fairly large volume unsold late. Declines engulfed Prime grade cuts despite the fact that such offerings were relatively scarce. Veal trade was slow and this was the second straight week of substantial declines. Carcass lamb was generally in moderate demand. Hindsaddles outsold fore end cuts

on early sessions, however in the later trade all primal cuts found equal outlet in a moderately active trade. Demand was narrow for fresh pork cuts, loins declined on each session and quotations were at the lowest point since early June 1961.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading on steer and heifer carcasses was rather slow in all areas with prices steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off in San Francisco. Cow beef was slow in California, weak to \$1.00 lower but held steady to weak in the Portland-Seattle area. Bull beef was mostly steady under narrow demand. Calf and veal was slow but prices were unchanged. Lamb sold in generally slow trade, about steady in California but was 50¢-\$1.00 lower in Portland and Seattle. Spring lamb was steady to mostly \$1.00 lower in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Fresh pork loins sold \$1.00-3.50 lower, most decline in Southern California; other fresh pork cuts were steady to \$2.00 lower except skinned hams and spareribs firm to \$2.00 higher. Smoked hams and sliced bacon were steady to \$2.00 higher, other cured items were steady to \$1.00 lower.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Prices were generally lower for near normal supplies of beef. Trading was only moderately active at best under rather poor demand. Steer beef sold 25¢-\$2.00 lower, mainly 50¢-\$1.50 lower. Heifer beef was 25¢-\$1.50 lower, mostly 75¢-\$1.00 off. Cow beef declined \$1.00-2.50, with a bulk of the sales \$1.00-2.00 off. Clearance was complete on all classes of beef.

Lamb trading was slow. Demand was rather poor despite below normal offerings. Prices were 50¢-\$1.75 lower, largely 50¢-\$1.00 off. Clearance was incomplete.

Pork supplies were above normal. Pork loins sold steady to \$3.25 lower, with the most decline on 8-12# loins. Pork butts closed 75¢-\$1.25 lower while fresh hams sold steady to \$1.00 higher. Pork carcasses were steady at New York and strong to 75¢ higher at Philadelphia. Clearance was generally complete.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
		1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	46.65	44.25	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	45.35	44.25	43.38	43.06	44.50	41.88	43.62	41.00
	700-800	44.50	42.75	42.88	41.38	44.00	40.50	42.50	39.25
Good	500-600	42.70	41.50	41.25	39.62	43.12	41.00	42.38	39.88
	600-700	42.95	41.75	41.00	39.62	42.38	39.25	41.19	38.88
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	43.12	41.12	43.88	39.50	43.12	40.50
	600-700	--	--	43.12	40.62	43.50	--	42.38	39.38
Good	500-600	--	--	40.25	38.38	42.00	--	--	39.25
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	61.10	63.80	56.50	61.25	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.90	56.80	53.00	54.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.60	50.30	48.25	50.00	55.50	53.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	38.30	39.35	37.00	39.38	42.25*	41.00*	38.50	39.50
Choice	45-55	38.30	39.35	37.00	39.38	42.25*	40.00*	38.50	39.50
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	44.45	46.30	41.12	42.38	49.00	50.00	44.75	45.12
Butts	4-8	34.90	40.00	31.25	38.50	41.25	42.50	37.25	41.00
Spareribs	3# down	40.40	41.25	37.00	38.25	44.50	46.50	40.38	42.88
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	46.50	46.50	--	48.00	52.00	50.00	49.12	49.00
Fully cooked	10-14#	48.50	48.50	53.00	53.25	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced -									
1# package (box lots)		48.00	50.00	50.00	54.00	52.35	56.00	48.50	54.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)									
	4-8#	32.50	33.00	35.00	37.25	33.75	34.50	34.00	35.00
Lard, 1# carton		14.25	18.00	14.75	17.25	17.50	18.00	16.75	18.19

* Spring Lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED Mar. 23, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	41.25-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.75-41.00	43.00-44.50	43.50
	700-800	41.25-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.75-41.00	43.00-44.00	43.00-43.50
	800-900	41.25-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.75-41.00	43.00-43.75	42.50-43.25
Good	500-600	37.50-39.00	--	--	38.50-41.00	--
	600-700	37.50-39.00	36.00-38.50	38.50-39.50	39.00-41.50	40.00-41.50
	700-800	37.50-39.00	36.00-38.50	36.50-38.50	39.00-41.50	39.50-41.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	41.25-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.50-40.75	--	43.00-43.50
	600-700	41.25-41.50	40.00-40.50	40.50-40.75	--	43.00-43.50
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	37.00	37.25	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.00	37.00	37.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.00-30.00	30.50-31.00	28.75-29.25	--	31.50-32.00
Canner and Cutter		29.00-30.00	--	28.75-29.25	--	29.50-30.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	35.00-36.00	34.00	34.50-35.50	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.00-35.00	32.00-33.50	32.50-33.50	36.00-37.00	35.75-36.50
	55-65	31.50-33.00	31.00-32.00	30.50-32.50	34.00-35.00	34.00-34.50
Choice	35-45	35.00-36.00	34.00	34.50-35.50	37.00-38.50	37.00-38.00
	45-55	34.00-35.00	32.00-33.50	32.50-33.50	36.00-37.00	35.75-36.50
	55-65	31.50-33.00	31.00-32.00	30.50-32.50	34.00-35.00	34.00-34.50
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	38.50-39.50	--	37.75-38.25	--	40.00-40.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Wool buying in the domestic primary areas continued at a moderate pace as prices paid to growers held firm with a good volume moved in the territory States. With only limited supplies of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market, trade was dull. Turnover of woolen wools and noils was slow. There were occasional sales of early shorn wools in the fleece States, and a modest volume of wools sold in Texas. Demand was good in the territory States.

Quotations from Australia were steady to $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent higher with the Continent and Japan dominating. There were only light offerings of mostly short wools in South Africa with France and the United States the principal operators. New Zealand prices advanced $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents with animated competition. Trading was limited in South America. Prices were strong in Montevideo.

Fleece Wools - Graded 50/54s staple wools sold for later delivery at \$1.05, clean basis on a core test, while medium grade fleeces, including good length baby combing brought \$1.05 on a core. Buyers were paying around 47¢-48¢, grease basis to the growers for medium wools, with instances up to 50¢ for choice light shrinking wools.

Territory Wools - Montana sales included the Ronan Pool, 13,000 mostly quarter-blood fleeces at 55.27¢, Stevensville Pool, 14,000 bulk 3/8s and 1/4 at 53.70¢, Beaverhead Pool, 14,000 fine and 1/2 at 51¢, and 1,300 nine-months at 45¢; Hi-Line Pool, 16,500 fine and 1/2 at 47.68¢ up to five cents discount for short and defective. All following bulk fine and half-blood fleeces, Harlowton area 5,800 early shorn 45¢-46¢, Choteau 1,500 some short 40.75¢, Simms, 1,000 some short 41¢, Cutbank 8,000 early shorn 45¢, Sweetgrass Hills 500 early shorn 44¢, 1,500 late shorn at 43¢. Pendroy 800 early shorn and short 40.75¢. Livingston 1,200 at 44¢. Virginia City 3,000 at 48¢. White Sulphur Springs 1,000 early shorn 44¢ and 3,700 fleeces of early shorn at \$1.18, clean basis, delivered Boston.

Wyoming sales included the Greybull Pool of 10,000 fleeces, bulk fine 49.6¢. Big Horn Basin around 10,900 fleeces mixed fine and half from 42¢-47.16¢ also 8,000 of bulk fine at \$1.12, clean basis, delivered.

At Belle Fourche, South Dakota, about 500,000 pounds, bulk 62s some fine brought \$1.123, while approximately 100,000 pounds of 3/8s and 1/4 blood sold at \$1.083, clean basis, all on a core test, delivered Boston.

A good volume of California wools sold from 37.25¢-49.75¢, but mostly 41.25¢-45¢ grease basis and were estimated from \$1.15-1.22, clean, delivered.

Oregon - Medium grade 12 months, Valley wools brought 50¢, while lambs moved at 47¢, grease basis, delivered Portland.

Texas Wools - At Sanderson, about 200,000 pounds of 12 months wool sold around \$1.25 and 100,000 pounds of 8 months was estimated around \$1.05-1.06, clean basis, delivered.

Mohair - Shearing had been delayed in Texas due to poor weather. A very small volume of adult sold at 66½¢ with kid hair at 96½¢ and \$1.01½ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Greasy New Zealand 56s combing fleeces sold for shipment around \$1.04, clean basis, duty paid.

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
77B	- \$1.24 432 - \$1.04	93/4	- \$.84
78B	- 1.22 433 - 1.00	834/5	- .82
79B	- 1.18 434 - .94	100/1	- .77
80B	- 1.16 435 - .87	107/8	- .75
		114/5	- .74
		128/9	- .72

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 - \$1.12	17 - \$1.07
8 - 1.10	22 - 1.03
12 - 1.11	23 - 1.02
47 - 1.11	27 - 1.00
48 - 1.09	28 - .99
52 - 1.08	32 - .98
53 - 1.06	33 - .96

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools

60/64s	- \$1.02-1.06	58/56s	- \$.93-.96
60s	- .98-1.00	56/50s	- .92-.94
60/58s	- .96-.99		

Carpet Wools - Trade in spot carpet wools was dull. Greasy and scoured Buenos Aires November wools were offered for shipment at 71¢-72¢, March wools around 68¢, lambs at 70¢ and fleeces at 75¢. Greasy New Zealand fleeces at 74¢, good style early shorn 71¢ and crutchings 65¢ all clean wool fibers present. A scoured white Pyrenean carpet wool was offered at 74½¢, pale yellow Pakistan wool at 66½¢ and a white Iceland wool at 78¢.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	Scoured Shorn Foreign
60s, 2-3", white - \$1.09	Monte. 56/60s white lambs \$.94-.95

Noils

Dom. fleece, 58s nobles, fair color	- 64¢
Dom. fleece, 56s short noble	- 56¢

Wool Tops - Demand continued strong for oil and dry-combed 54s tops with small odd lots of finer grades for fill-in use. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s - \$1.92	\$1.82
64s - 1.82	1.76
62s - 1.72	1.69
60s - 1.65	1.62
58/60s - 1.57	1.56
Oil-combed	Territory
58/60s - \$1.55	\$1.54
56s - --	1.48
50/56s - 1.45	1.45
Fleece	
	1.42

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Mar. 22, 1962
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of New York Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops	- \$1.619 (Bid)
May wool tops	- 1.614 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55"	minimum length
March wool	- \$1.239 (Traded)
May wool	- 1.236 (Traded)
64s grade - 2½"	ave. stretched length

Livestock slaughter: Number of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep and lambs slaughtered
under Federal inspection at major centers, 1960-61

City or area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Boston, New York City Area	618,503	634,618	552,310	527,089	2,254,252	2,479,175	1,957,126	2,005,497
Baltimore, Philadelphia	455,697	440,778	102,259	104,459	1,585,314	1,332,099	227,706	217,149
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls.	1,013,665	997,277	170,265	244,981	6,019,775	6,667,524	594,963	759,294
Chicago Area	849,639	893,378	329,852	344,704	2,046,408	1,757,528	329,344	275,195
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas	1,493,717	1,570,877	904,036	1,048,814	5,347,716	5,657,538	929,016	818,420
St. Louis Area	591,887	611,886	80,890	100,334	3,825,640	3,932,902	266,115	242,181
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	1,397,304	1,190,277	--	--	5,066,901	4,805,856	666,901	785,878
Omaha Area	1,993,257	1,930,242	6,964	8,317	4,126,648	4,003,282	837,568	769,232
Kansas City	802,897	773,295	--	--	1,782,447	1,840,023	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	1,701,474	1,682,770	426,809	445,203	14,445,514	14,313,946	1,869,130	1,679,210
Lou' L. Evan' l. Nash' l. Mph's	338,208	351,677	157,118	207,762	2,750,611	2,995,886	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area	505,033	415,265	223,898	224,607	1,431,064	1,490,492	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City	1,015,889	1,037,414	46,810	64,482	2,287,900	2,293,531	527,307	478,754
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio	596,071	577,495	201,866	234,979	825,281	817,413	1,546,879	1,196,659
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City	1,187,807	1,009,443	9,309	11,953	749,227	847,373	2,053,356	1,489,793
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas	1,357,352	1,394,323	70,311	70,776	1,428,634	1,329,523	1,739,175	1,675,639
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	433,393	402,317	13,594	17,741	855,727	812,562	383,155	348,217
Total	16,351,793	15,913,332	3,296,291	3,656,201	56,829,059	57,376,653	13,927,741	12,741,118

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -			
	Feb.	Feb.	Feb.	Mar.
	10	17	24	3
	1962	1962	1962	1962
	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -				
Beef <u>1/</u>	3,592	3,602	3,303	3,749
Pork <u>1/</u>	65,294	60,433	56,962	59,193
Other <u>1/</u>	122	98	142	19
Smoked and / or dried -				
Beef <u>1/</u>	1,118	815	895	905
Pork <u>1/</u>	48,257	44,459	42,745	44,055
Cooked meat -				
Beef.	955	1,133	899	926
Pork.	5,075	4,105	3,878	4,323
Other	100	107	120	88
Sausage -				
Fresh finished.	5,960	5,233	5,192	6,161
To be dried or semi-dried	2,728	2,618	2,546	2,235
Franks, wieners	13,702	12,112	12,417	12,520
Other, smoked or cooked .	14,127	13,621	12,795	13,169
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	4,289	3,931	3,762	3,956
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	13,605	13,250	11,738	12,991
Meat extract.	36	37	16	30
Sliced bacon <u>1/</u>	20,416	19,292	19,105	19,596
Sliced, other <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	6,980	6,536	6,172	6,606
Hamburger	5,344	4,465	4,444	4,510
Miscellaneous meat product.	7,187	6,749	6,432	6,267
Lard, rendered	42,402	38,656	37,909	39,067
Lard, refined	29,628	27,990	26,001	25,775
Oleo stock	1,416	1,604	1,516	1,418
Edible tallow	9,654	8,384	8,081	8,396
Rendered pork fat -				
Rendered	1,893	1,805	1,772	1,766
Refined	1,000	1,053	1,040	856
Compound cont'g animal fat	18,608	18,851	16,588	16,597
Oleomargarine " " " 4,897		4,509	4,208	4,083
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	65,313	63,451	57,760	58,253
Total <u>1/</u>	393,696	368,898	348,439	357,512

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	1962				1962				1962			
	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Mar. 3
	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#	Under 3 lb. or over 1,000#
Canned product (For civilian use only)												
Luncheon meat	3,152	4,720	2,417	3,633	2,261	3,846	2,253	4,450	2,261	3,846	2,253	4,450
Canned hams	7,809	94	7,669	68	7,042	97	7,220	148	7,042	97	7,220	148
Corned beef hash	144	1,456	84	1,733	123	1,605	98	1,366	123	1,605	98	1,366
Chili con carne	219	4,178	176	3,190	333	1,932	147	2,540	333	1,932	147	2,540
Viennas	100	1,282	52	1,264	33	1,211	21	1,181	33	1,211	21	1,181
Franks, wieners in brine . .	--	31	12	38	3	87	5	31	3	87	5	31
Deviled ham.	--	232	--	183	--	122	--	122	--	122	--	122
Other potted or deviled meat food products.	--	548	--	615	--	721	--	512	--	721	--	512
Tamales	114	1,036	29	1,174	153	493	101	474	153	493	101	474
Sliced dried beef	4	66	2	61	7	49	1	59	7	49	1	59
Chopped beef	--	137	--	201	--	20	--	45	--	20	--	45
Meat stew (all products) . .	87	1,731	37	1,912	46	2,604	41	3,297	46	2,604	41	3,297
Spaghetti meat products . .	86	2,212	201	2,540	79	1,350	69	1,097	79	1,350	69	1,097
Tongue (other than pickled) .	13	17	9	19	14	9	6	13	14	9	6	13
Vinegar pickled products . .	217	347	191	286	203	255	172	296	203	255	172	296
Bulk sausage	--	341	2	168	9	115	--	84	9	115	--	84
Hamburger, rstcd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	144	5,306	100	5,336	119	4,903	136	4,100	119	4,903	136	4,100
Soups	453	16,233	266	14,374	613	14,109	378	16,592	613	14,109	378	16,592
Sausage in oil	72	80	59	92	67	65	44	107	67	65	44	107
Tripe	--	94	--	76	--	116	--	136	--	116	--	136
Brains	--	44	--	630	--	39	--	46	--	39	--	46
Canned loins and picnics . .	469	15	430	5	370	13	441	23	370	13	441	23
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -												
20% or more	112	2,672	109	2,730	172	2,934	117	2,011	172	2,934	117	2,011
Less than 20%	142	6,832	283	6,413	85	7,482	194	6,365	85	7,482	194	6,365
Total	13,336	49,700	12,127	46,741	11,730	44,177	11,444	45,094	11,730	44,177	11,444	45,094

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 252.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP FEBRUARY 1962

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during February 1962 totaled 279 thousand head, 10 percent less than the number shipped in during February last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 125 thousand moved through public stockyards--a decline of 5 percent from February 1961. Direct receipts of cattle and calves during February 1962 amounted to 154 thousand head, or 14 percent less than a year earlier. The direct movement was 55 percent of the total this February compared with 58 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during January and February 1962 totaled nearly 647 thousand head, 18 percent less than the 1961 total for these two months.

February shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to nearly 127 thousand head, compared with 128 thousand head during February 1961--a decrease of 1 percent. Of the total received during February, 55 thousand came through public markets--15 percent below February 1961. However, the February 1962 number received direct totaled 71 thousand head, up 13 percent from a year earlier. During January and February 1962, nearly 332 thousand head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these States, 9 percent more than the same two months a year earlier.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in selected North Central States February 1961 and 1962 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	Public Stock yards		Direct		Total			
	February		February		February		January - February	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
Ohio.....	2,894	2,609	1,557	1,756	4,451	4,365	11,637	13,401
Indiana.....	3,826	3,868	8,233	8,660	12,059	12,528	34,598	23,207
Illinois....	16,137	16,373	33,805	24,919	49,942	41,292	130,122	97,484
Michigan....	1,639	1,917	1,102	1,642	2,741	3,559	6,838	8,729
Minnesota...	12,915	11,629	26,882	26,939	39,797	38,568	97,873	81,851
Iowa.....	60,769	58,742	64,643	49,742	125,412	108,484	311,068	254,035
S. Dakota...	7,665	6,662	6,049	7,955	13,714	14,617	31,093	33,185
Nebraska....	25,731	23,310	37,569	32,333	63,300	55,643	164,204	134,943
Total	131,576		179,840		311,416		787,433	
8 States		125,110		153,946		279,056		646,835

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	1,999	2,342	1,873	1,527	3,872	3,869	7,680	12,392
Indiana.....	571	866	200	280	771	1,146	1,733	1,779
Illinois....	3,503	964	9,034	2,493	12,537	3,457	20,284	15,515
Michigan....	2,158	937	---	1,128	2,158	2,065	3,758	3,328
Minnesota...	18,280	16,717	5,918	7,193	24,198	23,910	63,099	60,197
Iowa.....	18,604	14,587	28,756	38,008	47,360	52,595	131,785	122,850
S. Dakota...	11,487	5,312	10,781	5,557	22,268	10,869	46,688	35,497
Nebraska....	8,464	13,573	6,593	15,172	15,057	28,745	30,445	80,193
Total								
8 States..	65,066	55,298	63,155	71,358	128,221	126,656	305,472	331,751

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Jan. 1962	Jan. 1961
	Pounds	Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic) -		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	1,050,346	1,229,391
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,289,818	1,629,941
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	2,131,196	4,618,557
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	265,603	428,190
Bacon	453,619	404,818
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured,	1,543,069	1,489,526
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. (exc. canned) ..	67,504	287,286
Other meat and meat products (except canned)	88,060	64,481
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	4,603,575	4,699,916
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	1,769,707	1,764,528
Other variety meats, (edible offal) ex.cnd.	2,046,561	3,330,297
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	387,482	435,265
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	75,322	114,139
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc.	71,272	80,215
Hams and shoulders	20,156	102,678
Other pork, canned	119,223	260,638
Other meat and meat products	95,115	98,428
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	85,721	82,271
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	40,375,166	40,461,127
Shortenings, chief wt. animal fat (excl. lard)	159,588	243,640
Tallow, edible	200,840	670,948
Tallow, inedible	105,253,893	122,149,410
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	610,626	251,672
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	15,312,403	13,469,309

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	Jan. 1962	Jan. 1961
	Number	Number
Cattle (for breeding) -		
Dairy	473	1,915
Ex. dairy	679	838
Other (ex. for breeding)	137	108
Hogs	817	536
Sheep	217	964

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